



U.S. International Trade Commission
500 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20436
United States
Phone: 202-205-3098
www.usitc.gov

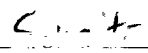
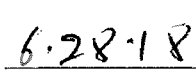
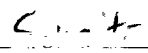
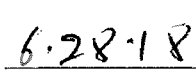
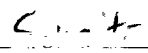
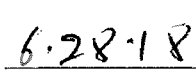
Justification and Approval for Single Source Awards

USITC - 050 (Rev. 5/2018)

Justification and Approval for: ☒ Single Source ☐ Brand Name ☐

Vendor Name: Platts McGraw Hill Financial, New York, NY

Consolidated J&A for actions Not Exceeding the Simplified Acquisition Threshold (SAT) (FAR 13.501)

| Contracting Office | | Requiring Office | | | | | | | | | |
|--|------------------------------------|--|-------------|--|------------------------------------|--|--|------------------------------------|--|--|-------------|
| U.S. International Trade Commission Office of Procurement 500 E Street S.W. Washington, D.C. 20436 | | U.S. International Trade Commission | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. REQUISITION NUMBER: 6500-OARS-18-0070/3093 | | FOIA Exemption (b)(6) | | | | | | | | | |
| 2. Description of supplies or Services Required to Meet Agency Need: Renewal of subscription to Platts Metal Daily for the Commission's Office of Industries, Natural Resources and Energy Division (NRE). | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3. Justification for Limited Competition: Platts Metals contains a unique collection of metals prices series. While certain metals prices are available through other sources, & archival average prices for a wide variety of metals & minerals are presented by the US Geologic Survey, no other source has current price series for the range of metals and alloys presented by Platts. For example, it is the only USITC source for current Molybdenum, Rhodium, and Iridium prices. It also provides a useful price comparison ability for metals prices between different financial exchanges, (i.e. LME, NYMEX, and COMEX), not offered elsewhere. Finally, it presents additional analyses of the metals that are not covered by other sources, providing a distinctive market research tool for analysts. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4. Description of Market Research Conducted and Results: Web-based search and inquiry with the Commission's Office of Industries, Natural Resources and Energy Division. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5. Requiring Officer's Certification: I certify that the facts and representations in this justification, included herein, meet the Government's need and that the supporting data which forms the basis for this justification is complete and accurate. <table border="0"><tr><td>Robert Bauchspies</td><td>ROBERT BAUCHSPIES</td><td><small>Digitally signed by ROBERT BAUCHSPIES Date: 2018.06.11 09:48:37 -04'00'</small></td><td>6/11/2018</td></tr><tr><td>Printed Name, Requiring POC</td><td>Signature</td><td></td><td>Date</td></tr></table> | | | | Robert Bauchspies | ROBERT BAUCHSPIES | <small>Digitally signed by ROBERT BAUCHSPIES Date: 2018.06.11 09:48:37 -04'00'</small> | 6/11/2018 | Printed Name, Requiring POC | Signature | | Date |
| Robert Bauchspies | ROBERT BAUCHSPIES | <small>Digitally signed by ROBERT BAUCHSPIES Date: 2018.06.11 09:48:37 -04'00'</small> | 6/11/2018 | | | | | | | | |
| Printed Name, Requiring POC | Signature | | Date | | | | | | | | |
| 6. Contracting Officer Certification: Posted: <table border="0"><tr><td>Posted: FBO (>\$25,000) <input type="checkbox"/></td><td>USITC.GOV <input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Date _____</td></tr></table> I have received this justification and its supporting data, and I am satisfied that the facts and representations in this justification are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. <table border="0"><tr><td> Printed Name</td><td>FOIA Exemption (b)(6)</td><td> Date</td></tr></table> | | | | Posted: FBO (>\$25,000) <input type="checkbox"/> | USITC.GOV <input type="checkbox"/> | Date _____ |  Printed Name | FOIA Exemption (b)(6) |  Date | | |
| Posted: FBO (>\$25,000) <input type="checkbox"/> | USITC.GOV <input type="checkbox"/> | Date _____ | | | | | | | | | |
|  Printed Name | FOIA Exemption (b)(6) |  Date | | | | | | | | | |